## Office of the Mayor City & County of San Francisco



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Golden State Warriors 1011 Broadway Oakland, CA 94605

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, we write to urge you to consider building a new home for the Golden State Warriors basketball team in San Francisco in time for the 2017 National Basketball Association (NBA) season.

We understand that you, the new leadership of the Warriors, have brought a renewed sense of excitement and a commitment to winning to the Bay Area's basketball team. We also understand that you are determined to secure an appropriate, state-of-the-art new facility for the Warriors, whose current home court is the oldest in the NBA.

We respectfully urge you to locate that home in San Francisco, for the first time since the 1971 season, and we pledge our support to work with you to achieve this goal.

We appreciate that you have many options throughout the Bay Area, and that you must appropriately consider them all. But we also believe that San Francisco offers significant advantages for the fan experience, for the success of the franchise, and for the future of Bay Area sports and entertainment that, frankly, no other city can match.

We believe the San Francisco waterfront, in particular, offers a spectacular opportunity for a state-of-the-art sports and entertainment facility that would be ideal for the team, the fans and the entire region. As baseball fans already know, the San Francisco waterfront provides an incredibly beautiful, vibrant and easily-accessible location for visitors from all over the area. We offer you the opportunity for a similarly successful partnership between the City of San Francisco and the Golden State Warriors today that will bring a new facility located in a transit-rich environment that emphasizes the beauty of San Francisco Bay. Warriors fans will be able to travel easily from north, east, and south to enjoy a game, entertainment, and world-class hotels and restaurants – dramatically enhancing the fan experience.

We hope you will provide us with the opportunity to present our case for the options and advantages that San Francisco can offer the Golden State Warriors. We look forward to meeting at your earliest convenience. Jennifer Matz, Director of the San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development, is our lead for this effort. Please don't hesitate to contact her at (415) 554-6511.

Later this year, sports fans from throughout the region will celebrate a half century of Warriors basketball in the Bay Area. We hope, some 50 years after moving from Philadelphia to San Francisco, you will consider returning home to San Francisco to launch a new era of Warriors basketball on San Francisco Bay.

Sincerely,

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